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SUBJECT: COUNCIL OF EUROPE IN CSCE IMPLEMENTATION

1. COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S (COE) PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT, AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST MP KARL CZERNETZ, TOLD EMBOFF NOVEMBER 18 THAT DISCUSSION IN COE AT STRASBOURG INDICATED THERE WAS PROBABLY NO DIRECT ROLE THAT COE OR ITS PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY COULD PLAY IN CSCE IMPLEMENTATION. HOWEVER, WITHIN "SPIRIT" OF CSCE FINAL ACT, AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH GOVERNMENTS OF SOVIET UNION AND OTHER EE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS PROPOSAL THAT "POLITICIANS" (FORMULATION AVOIDS IMPLICATION THAT THERE ARE COMMUNIST PARLIAMENTS IN WESTERN SENSE) FROM EE AND COE COUNTRIES MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS UNDER COE AUSPICES.

2. CZERNETZ SAID USSR MINISTER COUNSELOR AT VIENNA, 2.M. MAMONTOV, RESPONDED NONCOMMITTALLY. HE SEEMED CONCERNED MOSTLY ABOUT STRASBOURG VENUE, BUT ALSO ASKED WHAT WAS MEANT BY "ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS". MAMONTOV WAS TOLD THIS MEANT INFORMAL EXCHANGES OF VIEWS, WITHOUT AGENDA IF THAT WERE DESIRED, IN WHICH INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATED AS EQUALS WITHOUT ORDER OF PRECEDENCE. CZERNETZ SAID AUSTRIAN EMBASSIES AT BUDAPEST, BUCHAREST AND WARSAW HAD ALREADY REPORTED GOVERNMENTS THERE WERE INTERESTED IN AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL BUT ALSO THAT SAME CONCERN WITH STRASBOURG VENUE WAS VOICED. POLES, HOWEVER, WERE QUITE EXPLICIT, RESPONDING THAT "WHILE COE WAS FACT, POLAND DID NOT WANT TO RECOGNIZE IT OFFICIALLY".

3. CZERNETZ SAID AUSTRIANS SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED SOVIET AND OTHER EE GOVERNMENTS THAT OTHER ARRANGEMENTS COULD CONFIDENTIAL

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BE MADE FOR DISCUSSIONS AND AS ONE POSSIBILITY, SUGGESTED INVITATION FROM VIENNA'S MAYOR GRAZ, WHICH WOULD PUT DISCUSSIONS ON "NEUTRAL" GROUND. ACCORDING TO CZERNETZ, PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS ARE THAT THIS PROPOSAL MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE.

4. CZERNETZ SAID DISCUSSIONS, IF HELD, WOULD PROBABLY FOCUS ON PRACTICAL ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT CSCE PROVISIONS,

ALTHOUGH OTHER TOPICS OF KNOWN INTEREST TO SOME EE
COUNTRIES, E.G. RECIPROCITY IN SOCIAL BENEFITS, MIGHT
ALSO BE COVERED. HE SAID HE WOULD ANTICIPATE RATHER
SHARP EXCHANGES OVER EXTENT TO WHICH CSCE PROVISIONS ARE
SELF-EXECUTING. BUCHANAN

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